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Assignment of lands to Harijans in Stanley Nagar.

* 190 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government received any representation from the residents and a local organization regarding assignment of lands to the Harijans of Stanley Nagar, Basin Bridge, Madras, who have been occupying the land and for which they have been paying rent for more than 20 years, and if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A petition on the subject was received from the Stanley Nagar Association and it was forwarded to the Collector of Madras for disposal. The Collector has since reported that the lands belong to the Corporation of Madras, and that the Association has been informed of this fact and asked to apply to the Corporation of Madras."

Sri A. RATNAM :—"இருபது வருஷ காலமாக ஹரிஜனங்களால் உபயோகிக்கப்பட்டுவந்த காரணம் காட்டி அரசாங்கத்தின் உத்தரவைப் பெற்று சென்னை நகராண்மைக் கழகம் அவர்களிடம் ரெவின்யூ வசூலித்தது மந்திரியாருக்குத் தெரியுமா? அந்த ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு அந்த நிலங்களை அவர்களுக்கே வாங்கிக் கொடுக்க உடனடியாக அரசாங்கம் உத்தரவு இடுமா?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We are now on the question of assignment of lands to the Harijans of Stanley Nagar. We cannot be just roaming about at this time regarding others."

Abolition of the post of Economic Adviser to Government.

* 191 *Q.*—Sri M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the post of Economic Adviser to the Government of Madras was created and for what period; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to abolish this post?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The post of Economic Adviser to the Government of Madras was created in October 1947 on contract basis for a period of five years.

" (*b*) The post has been abolished with effect from 1st October 1953."

Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" மற்ற அரசாங்கங்கள் விளம்பர இலாகாவிற்கு அதிகத் தொகை செலவழிக்கும்பொழுது நம் அரசாங்கம் குறைவாகத்தான் செலவு செய்கிறது. ஆகையால் தான் விளம்பர இலாகா அதிகாரியை நிரந்தரமாக்கினோம் என்று மந்திரி மொழிந்தார். ஆனால் பொருளாதார ஆலோசகர் இலாகாவிற்கு மற்ற அரசாங்கங்கள் பல லட்சக்கணக்காக அதிகமான பணம் செலவழிக்கும்போது, நமது சர்க்கார் மட்டும் செலவைக் குறைக்க வேண்டுமென்பதற்காக என் இங்கு பொருளாதார ஆலோசகர் பதவியை எடுத்துவிடவேண்டும்? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The department as such has not been abolished. The department is going on. Only the post of Economic Adviser which this Government considered unnecessary has been abolished."

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RAJA MUTHIAH CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD :—" While appreciating the answer of the Hon. the Finance Minister that he has not abolished the department but only the post of Economic Adviser, will the Government consider the advisability of appointing a suitable officer as the Economic Adviser? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We are having sufficient number of officials in this department for our requirements. If anything more becomes necessary later on in the future, certainly we shall consider it."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" பொருளாதார ஆலோசகர் பதவியை இப்பொழுது எடுத்துவிட்டார்கள். ஆகவே சர்க்காருக்கு பொருளாதாரத் துறையில் ஆலோசனை தேவை இல்லை என்பது அரசாங்கத்தின் கருத்தா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We have got quite a number of Members in this Assembly who can give us advice."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" நம் சர்க்கார் விளம்பர இலாகா அதிகாரி ஒரு பிராமணர் என்ற காரணத்தினால் நீக்கப்படாமல், இந்தப் பொருளாதார புள்ளி விவர அதிகாரி மட்டும் பிராமணரல்லாதார் என்ற காரணத்தினால் நீக்கப்பட்டாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry such a question has been put. Community has absolutely no consideration in this matter."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether there was any difference of opinion between the Hon. the Finance Minister and the Hon. the Chief Minister while considering the abolition of the post of Economic Adviser and did the Hon. the Finance Minister favour the retention of the post while the Hon. the Chief Minister favoured its abolition? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the question is most improper and we do not propose to answer it."

Relief to Harijans affected by floods in Malabar.

* 192 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether any Harijans who had suffered in the recent Malabar floods have been granted house-sites in poramboke or any other lands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" So far only financial aid was given to the Harijans who suffered in the recent floods for reconstructing and repairing their houses affected by floods. There is now a proposal to grant 84 cents of poramboke land in R.S. No. 33/15 of Puzhathi amsam, Chirakkal taluk, for the construction of houses by six Harijans who had suffered in the recent floods."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" When the Hon. Minister gave information about buildings destroyed, he stated that, according to official reports, 579 houses belonging mostly to Harijans